



In today's society, the hours parents work and the hours their children attend school often do not coordinate. Children are often left alone after school

because their working parents have no other options.

Experts agree that school-age children who are unsupervised during the hours after school are more likely to receive poor grades and drop out of school than those who are involved in supervised, constructive activities.

Statistics also show that most juvenile crime takes place between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and that children are at greater risk of being the victims of crime during the hours after school.

Children require and deserve quality activities and supervision when working parents cannot be with them. Out-of-school time programs can provide the positive environment that children need.

SD Out-of-School Time (OST) Program

The SD Department of Social Services Child Care Services (CCS) encourages school officials to work with their communities to build programs that positively impact K-8 children during their out-of-school time. The SD Out-of-School Time (OST) Program provides resources for schools and communities that want to offer structured and safe environments for children when they are not in school.

Program Support

Those interested in starting an OST program should begin by contacting a regional CCS licensing worker. (See back of brochure.) These workers provide technical assistance to apply for a state grant and offer guidance on issues like community development, staffing, space and licensing.

Additional program assistance and on-going support is available from OST support specialists located in five regional offices around the state. These specialists are part of the SD Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE) Program. ECE provides training and technical assistance to adults involved in day-to-day care and development of children and youth.

Resources Provided

Licensing workers and support specialists provide these services for OST programs:

- Information, assistance and guidance for schools and community groups interested in creating OST programs.
- Facilitation of community planning meetings.
- Grants for schools or private nonprofit organizations to fund OST programs. Applications are available each year in the fall.
- On-site technical assistance on issues such as child behavior, staffing, program planning, licensing and financial management.
- Telephone consultation for OST professionals, school officials and parents.
- Resource lending libraries with professional resources, information, publications, and theme units or equipment for OST programming.
- OST classes or workshops on issues such as discipline, child temperament, safety, space limitations, program activities, communication and team building.

Quality Programs

OST programs provide safe environments that motivate and inspire learning outside the regular school day. While there is no single formula for success, effective programs combine academic, enrichment, cultural and recreational activities. The best programs also develop activities to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Common elements of successful OST programs include:

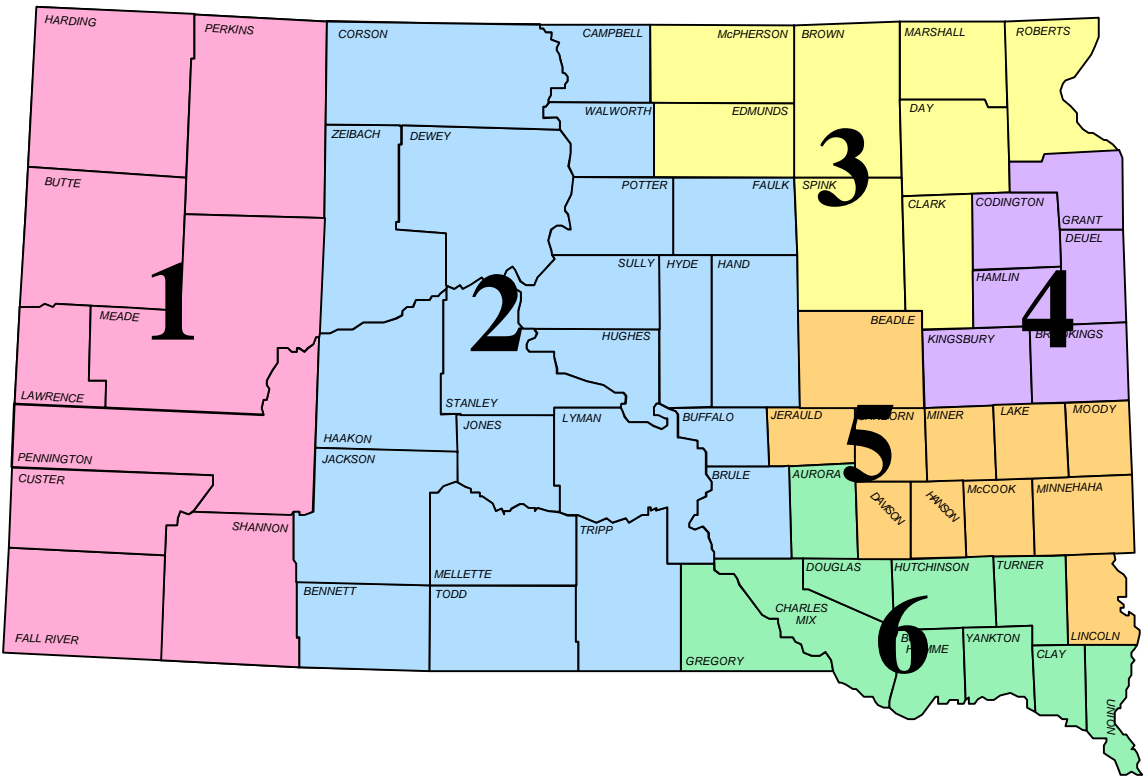
- Strong management, quality staff and goal setting.
- Low staff-to-student ratio (1:15).
- Attention to safety, health and nutrition issues.
- Strong family involvement.
- Partnerships with community and youth groups and law enforcement.
- Enriching learning opportunities.
- Links with school curriculum and school teachers.
- Evaluation of program effectiveness.



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